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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 4943

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CARR, IS: (ESMAIL, SAMI)  
SUBJECT: W/W: ARREST: SAMI ESMAIL

REF: TEL AVIV 4751 STATE 88620

1. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE APRIL 13 TRIAL THE STATE PROSECUTOR REQUESTED A CLOSED SESSION TO HEAR THE TESTIMONY OF THE SECURITY EXPERT ON THE CASE. ALTHOUGH OPPOSED BY DEFENSE COUNSEL LANGER, IT WAS APPROVED BY THE COURT.

2. THE EXPERT, RAMI (LAST NAME UNKNOWN) IS ASSISTANT COMMANDER OF THE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING ABROAD. HE WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT HIS WRITTEN REPORT WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE COURT BY THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. RAMI STATED THAT SAMI'S TICKET TO LIBYA WAS PAID BY THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO LIBYA HE WAS TRAINED IN THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES AND WEAPONS AND RECEIVED IDEOLOGICAL TRAINING. WHEN THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ASKED RAMI WHAT OCCURRED AT THE END OF THE TRAINING, HE SAID THAT TAYASIR KUBBA, WHO WAS THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE COURSE, ASKED THE PARTICIPANTS TO OBTAIN THE NAMES OF ISRAELI INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS ABROAD AND TO SEND THE INFORMATION TO HEADQUARTERS IN BEIRUT WHERE PLANS ARE MADE TO ATTACK SUCH TARGETS. THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY THEN QUESTIONED RAMI, ASKING WHY THE REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE COURT DID NOT INCLUDE THE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TRAINEES.  
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ACCORDING TO RAMI, HE WRITE THE FIRST PART OF THE REPORT AND HIS COMMANDER WROTE THE LAST PART AND DID NOT MENTION THE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS.

3. AFTER RAMI'S TESTIMONY, THE SESSION WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AND SAMI WAS PLACED ON THE STAND. HE WAS FIRST QUESTIONED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY LANGER. HE DENIED BEING A MEMBER OF AN ILLEGAL

ORGANIZATION OR RECEIVING MILITARY TRAINING IN LIBYA. HE WAS THEN CROSS-EXAMINED BY THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY WHO QUESTIONED HIM MAINLY ABOUT A PAMPHLET CONTAINING A LETTER WRITTEN BY HIS BROTHER BASSIM STATING SAMI WAS NEVER IN LIBYA. WHEN THE SESSION CLOSED, THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY HAD NOT COMPLETED HER QUESTIONING OF SAMI.

4. THE NEXT HEARING WAS SET FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 16.  
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